

# Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

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## **Important Dates**

Brooks - Student Tour - April 7

Brooks - Parent Information Night - April 8

Science Fair - April 16

## **News**

### **Brooks Tour**

On Tuesday, April 7, fifth grade students will walk to Brooks Middle School for a tour and short question and answer session. Permission slips went home today. Please return the signed permission slip by the end of the week. There is no fee for this field trip. Please note that we will be walking, so make sure your child is dressed for the weather.

### **Brooks Parent/Guardian Orientation Night**

A parent/guardian orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, from 6:00 - 8:30 at Brooks.

### **Typing Practice**

Students can log on to Typing Training from home to practice keyboarding skills. The Typing Training program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is:

<http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

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## **SPECIAL AREA SUBJECTS**

**Art** - [www.http://owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com](http://www.http://owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com) and Twitter @HolmesArt97

Students have finished their yarn bombing projects. They are posted on the Art website above. We are now starting a unit on comic strips. Students will be writing and illustrating a non-fiction, autobiographical, six-panel comic strip. It can be about something funny that happened to them, or something they are proud of.

**Music** - <http://makingmusicatholmes.blogspot.com/> Third trimester is upon us! A printed communication outlining the in class and homework assessments will be going home this week. The music for the recorder assessment is already on the [fifth grade website](#). There is a video on the website as well. We will have a help session on Thursday at 11:45 for anyone who wants to work on their playing with me.

**Chorus and Gold Belt** - We have our second rehearsal for the choral festival on Tuesday in the morning. Please wear your chorus t-shirts or a red t-shirt and dark pants. Gold Belt is working on Canon in D featuring soprano, alto, tenor, and bass recorders.

**Spanish** - Students can still read their last story to someone for extra puntos; they are posted below. Last week, we started the fifth grade superstory....5K started off the story and 5P and 5M will continue the story. 5F will write the conclusion. We will see what they come up with!

5P Tucán El Gato Gruñón

<https://docs.google.com/a/op97.org/document/d/1QOYijj5MbRLr58FtRoZbfCNEK60HzpmUEXv0K7AB7jk/edit?usp=sharing>

5F-Silvia La Musaraña

<https://docs.google.com/a/op97.org/document/d/16TM10jT2vqL9K-ZIBVv1MmCY356tvICT1lz8FMj2DUw/edit?usp=sharing>

5K Rosa Necesita una Cabeza

[https://docs.google.com/a/op97.org/document/d/11YST\\_EIVF-hGbx7vYhP8RaMQn8q8ltFjaFwI5tJ-eRI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/a/op97.org/document/d/11YST_EIVF-hGbx7vYhP8RaMQn8q8ltFjaFwI5tJ-eRI/edit?usp=sharing)

5M Nacho Y la Pizza Peligrosa

<https://docs.google.com/a/op97.org/document/d/1ByHL5-Sz-bRFdPOR19zLWACD5nGflf53qncShzFfNE4/edit?usp=sharing>

**Library** - *Regular Library news:* We will be starting a long-term research project in the library in two weeks. We will be using the Oak Park Public Library's shared databases to conduct our research. If you are not familiar with these databases, take a look at the library's homework help page: <http://oppl.org/services/kids/homework-help> This incredible list of databases can be used by any D97 student without a library card while at school. From home, students will need to type in a library card number and PIN.

*Reading Olympics:* The next step is the **Extreme Competition!** This takes place April 27th and features all 18 books. The Holmes competition is Wednesday, April 22nd. Students should have their team forms in this week. There will be an informational meeting for teams and students who are looking for a team on **Friday, March 27th.**

Please email [mmaneck@op97.org](mailto:mmaneck@op97.org) with any questions or concerns. For more information, the library home page is <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/>.

**Physical Education** - February is Gymnastic Unit here at Holmes. The kids will be swinging, hanging, climbing, rolling, cartwheeling, somersaulting, and many other equilibrium building balancing acts. ([www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com](http://www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com))

### Reading/Literature

In Reading this week we will read non-fiction articles that relate to the American Revolution. We will also begin reading My Brother Sam Is Dead. This historical fiction novel takes place at the beginning of the American Revolution.

### Writing

Students will be working on their classroom Shakespeare plays.

### Math

In math this week, we will begin working on decimal division. Our main strategy this week relies on place value knowledge. Students will express decimals as whole numbers before dividing. For example, 6.24 is equivalent to 624 hundredths. Student will then use their whole number division strategies to complete the computation and again use place value knowledge to express the quotient in standard form. There will be a short quiz on Friday covering the material we discussed this week. Also, multiplication assessments will be returned this week.

## **Science**

In science this week, students will continue to finalize their science projects. The trifold boards are due in class next Monday, April 13. Please visit the wiki for more information, or email Ms. Manuel or Ms. Kraft with questions. <http://holmes5thgradescience.wikispaces.com/Science+Fair> The Science Fair will take place Thursday, April 16, starting at 6 p.m.

## **Social Studies**

In Social Studies, our focus on the colonies will shift towards the events that led up to the American Revolution. This week we will continue to learn about the clashes between the French, Spanish, English, and the Native Americans. We will follow this up by learning about the French and Indian War.

## **Spelling/Word Study**

Students will complete our Building Vocabulary with Root Words curriculum during their Reading/Literature block. We learn that the bases "scrib" and "script" mean "write" and that "dict" means "say," "speak," or "tell."

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